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### RIC ASSISTS FRONTIER HOSPITAL OBTAIN \$475,000 IN GRANTS

A New Mexico County Extension agent discovered through first hand experience that the 36 year old x-ray machine at De Baca General Hospital did not produce legible x-rays. Seeking funding assistance for the Fort Sumner medical facility, he called the New Mexico RIC State Coordinator who put him in contact with RIC.

RIC supplied him with information about grant-seeking strategies and application procedures and identified one grant program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for which the hospital qualified. The county agent used these resources for the text and justification of a grant request to the New Mexico state legislature which approved a \$260,000 hospital grant to De Baca General in 1989. Simultaneously he pursued the HUD grant identified by the RIC staff.

Five months after the approval of the state legislature grant HUD approved an additional \$215,000 grant to De Baca General. With these two grants the hospital purchased basic hospital equipment along with intensive care and surgical equipment, including a new x-ray machine, a fetal heart monitor, and a heart defibrillator. The hospital was able to replace antiquated equipment, some exceeding 40 years! The funds allowed De Baca General staff to update their medical facilities and provide improved health care to an isolated rural community located in an area with less than one person per square mile and over 150 miles to the nearest urban hospital.



### RIC OUTREACH

#### • Conference Sponsor

RIC jointly sponsored the Conference on "Information and Rural Economic Development: Rural Public Libraries - Who Uses Them?" with Clarion University, Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship, and the U. S. Department of Education, Office of Library Programs. The conference was held in Clarion, PA, on September 14-15. Joseph Howard, National Agricultural Library (NAL) Director, and Patricia John, RIC Coordinator, gave presentations on NAL and RIC activities respectively.

#### • RIC and RIC State Coordinator Exhibits

Leadership for Action in Your Community, Athens, WV, August 4-5.

Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference, Seattle, WA, August 5-8.

Rural Development Conference, Washington, DC, August 7-8.

Colorado State Fair, Pueblo, CO, Aug. 24-Sept. 4.

National Association of Towns and Townships Annual Conference Washington, DC, Sept. 6-8.

National Association of Extension Home Economists Annual Conference Honolulu, HI, September 17-21.

West Virginia Planning Association Annual Meeting, Huntington, WV, October 1-3.



West Virginia Extension Service Annual Conference, Davis, WV, October 24-26, 1989.

Texas Rural Development Policy Workshop, Austin, TX, November 13-14.

North Carolina Extension Service Annual Conference, Raleigh, NC, November 13-17.

Nebraska Extension Service Annual Conference, Columbus, NE, November 15-17.

### ● Rural Information Distribution

American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Baton Rouge, LA, July 30 - August 2.

National Association of County Agricultural Agents Annual Meeting, New Brunswick, NJ, July 30-August 3.

Fourth Annual University of Kentucky Conference on Appalachia: Environment & Technology in Appalachia, Lexington, KY, November 2-3.

Colorado Library Association Annual Conference, Colorado Springs, CO, Nov. 4-8.

New York Office of Rural Affairs Third Annual Fall Conference, Albany, NY, November 14.

Preserving and Promoting our Heritage: A Conference on Cultural Tourism in the Lower Mississippi Delta, Greenville, MS, Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

## RURAL INFORMATION CENTER FY89 YEAR-END ANALYSIS

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

### STATES, TERRITORIES, ETC. SUBMITTING HIGHEST NUMBER OF REQUESTS

District of Columbia.....	13%
Maryland .....	9%
Texas.....	6%
New Mexico.....	4%
Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington & Wisconsin (3% each) .....	21%
Alaska, California, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Wyoming, & Foreign Countries (2% each).....	32%
All Others (25 states) .....	15%

### BREAKDOWN OF RURAL REVITALIZATION QUESTIONS

Economic Viability .....	60%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources.....	22%
Local Government Services.....	11%
Leadership/Community Change .....	7%

### AFFILIATION BREAKDOWN

State and County Extension Staff .....	41%
USDA Officials .....	12%
Individuals.....	11%
Universities .....	9%
Libraries .....	7%
Community/Rural/Economic Development Organizations.....	5%
Businesses.....	4%
Federal Officials (non-USDA) & Special Interest Groups (3% each) .....	6%
Congress & State Officials (2% each).....	4%
Foreign Officials.....	1%